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This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within 60 DAYS of the mailing date hereof.

REASON

The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the invention could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the inventions described in the following publications distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

REMARKS

References Cited:

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 11-97628
2. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 11-204740
3. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 11-312785
4. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2000-68458
5. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 5-29464

Re: Claim 1

Reference 1 is applicable.

FIGS. 1-4 and the explanations (paragraphs [0045] to [0065]) of